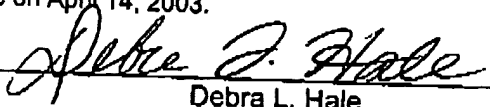


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to Examiner Jiang's telephone call of April 14, 2003.

Please amend the claims as follows:

C¹ 57. (Amended) A clear, edible oil comprising about 10% to about 30% of a sterol fatty acid ester composition, wherein the sterol fatty acid ester composition comprises more than 50% monounsaturated fatty acid (MUFA) moieties.

C² 68. (Amended) An edible oil comprising more than about 10% of a sterol fatty acid ester composition, the sterol fatty acid ester composition comprising more than about 50% monounsaturated fatty acids, less than about 6% saturated fatty acids, and less than 50% polyunsaturated fatty acids, wherein the unesterified sterol level is less than about 10%, and wherein the edible oil is free of solids at room temperature.